In Loving Memory of:

District Missionary Ruth Jane Hodge

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Departed: July 26, 1985–Oakland, California

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" ***Psalms 34:3***

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at the
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Oakland, California
Elder Phillip Carter–Pastor

FUNERAL SERVICES
Friday, August 2, 1985– 11:00 AM
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Oakland, California

Officiating
Elder Wilber W. Hamilton

Interment
Mt. View Cemetery
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Supt. Clarence Davis–Master of Ceremonia

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Pallbearers

Honorary
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Active
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ORDER OF SERVICES

August 2, 1985–11:00 AM

Supt. Clarence Davis–Master of Ceremonies

Processional ..... Organ Prelude

Ministerial Staff

Scriptures: Old Testament — Supt. Maurice Harris
New Testament — Elder Charles H. Webb

Invocation ..... Supt. James E. Briggs

Selection.....State combined choirs

Expressions: Representing Bethlehem district: Supt. J.E. Bobo
Representing District pastors: Elder Willie Howard
Representing women's department: Sister Irene Howard

Expressions ..... A dear family friend, Elder Harold Johnson

Solo ..... Missionary Ruth Langston

Representing No. West State–Oakland Area: Missionary Robbie Hines

Expressions: Prescott School Children's Center: Mrs. Delores Williams

"As a friend and worker–Prescott School": Mrs. Rosa Blair

"As a long-life friend and schoolmate": Sister Corine Robertson McGlothen

Selection: Institutional Christian Center Church of God in Christ

"A person with an unchanged interest": Sister Ora Lee Hunter

Representing No. West District missionaries: Missionary Mary Baines

Resolutions: No.West state women's dept.: Missionary Mary Welch
No.West state men's department: Elder Jerry Macklin

Solo: Request–"Move On Up A Little Higher": Sister Mary Willard

Expressions: "Our Mom": Mother Mattie McGlothen–State and national supervisor

Expressions: No.West state executive board–Supt, John A. Ramsey

Solo: Mrs. Robin Hodge Pickens (her daughter) "Highway to Heaven"

Representing the No.West state pastors ..... Elder Phillip Carter

Representing the district superintendents ..... Supt. Floyd W. Cotton

Expressions: Visiting bishops or their representatives
Visiting ministers (out of state)

Expressions: Her devoted nephew–Mr. Herbert R. Carter

Acknowledgement of condolences and telegrams: Missionary Lena Willis

Obituary ..... "A Former Pastor's Wife": Missionary Faidest Wagoner

Selection: "Family Request": The Webb Sisters

Eulogy ..... Elder Wilber W. Hamilton

Recessional .....

Honorary Pallbearers
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Active Pallbearers
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Processional .....
Selection .....
Scriptures: Old Testament: Elder George W. Robinson
New Testament: Elder Willie Peals
Invocation .....Supt. Jessie Dickens
Selection.....Darrell Norman and Praise
Expressions .....Sister Audrey L. Miles
Expressions.....Missionary Mary Lee Hines
Expressions .....A former co-worker--Sister Anna Savage
Solo .....''Family Request'' Miss Betty Williams
Expressions: 3 min. friends and co-workers
missionaries and co-workers
Solo .....Sister Mary Ann Wright
Expressions.....ministers
Expressions.....Elder N. Lamar Brown
Exhortations .....Elder Joseph King, Sr.
Viewing.....Saints' Christian funeral staff and ushers
Recessional .....
Dismissal .....

OBITUARY

Missionary Ruth Jane Hodge

We pause today for one so dear whose life stands forth as a guiding star. Her deeds stand out like diamonds that brightly gleam. Her many words of kindness and tender grace will ever be remembered by all of us. She was trained to labor and conquer the difficulty affairs for people who loved her for her fine traits of character, her humbleness, patience, and her many saintly attributes.

Missionary Ruth Jane Hodge was born to the proud parents Johnathan and Clara Foster on November 10, 1921 in Darlington, Louisiana.

After the death of her father, she was partially reared by her late uncle and aunt John W. Richardson and Mina Ada Wright Richardson. She also spent some time with her older sister in Baton Rouge.

She attended the public schools in her neighborhood and received her literary elementary education. She later attended the Tanbipahoa Parrish Training School in Kentwood, Louisiana, where she graduated. She entered the Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she majored in Home Economist. She taught in the St. Helena parish school system in Louisiana. While attending the university, she resided with Mother Corine Robertson and her daughter, Mrs. Corine Robertson McGlothen. She was a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority and other campus activities.

Ruth was saved and sanctified while a very young child in the state of Louisiana under the pastorage of the late elder E. A. Pounds and Supt. D.A. Morgan. During her school days at Southern University, she would bring many students to the church to worship the Lord. She always made herself a recruiter for souls to be brought to Christ.

In 1946, she came to Oakland, California and lived here with her late aunt, Ionia and uncle Minard Richardson for sometime.

In 1947 she became employed for attorney Richard Gladstiene in Marin county and she lived in Marin City, California. While living there she met and married Elder Ernest Hodge and to this union were born two lovely daughters. She united with the Emanuel Church of God in Christ in San Francisco, California under the pastorage of the late Bishop E.E. Hamilton. Here she worked faithfully and untiringly for some time.

When Sister Hodge lived in Marin City, and came to Oakland to church, she met Sister Flora J. Taylor Evans, and they became dear friends, and even like sisters. Sister Hodge would spend sundays at her home and stay over for the night services. When she moved to Oakland, they became even closer friends. They had birthdays on the same day, just different years. And they celebrated their birthdays together. They would fast and pray together for many years. They loved each other very much. They shared their means down through the years. No night was too late or morning was too early for them to talk to each other.

In 1952 she and her family moved to Oakland, California and here she lived until her passing. She then continued to worship under the pastorage of the late Bishop E.E. Hamilton, but at the Oakland Emanuel Church, known as the greater Emanuel Church of God in Christ. When Bishop Hamilton resigned the church and appointed the late Elder Wagoner to the pastorage, Sister Hodge continue to work faithfully in various capacities. She was very dedicated and loved to work in the vineyards of the Lord. Supt. Troy Wagoner saw her faithfulness and later recommended her to the board for licensing by our state supervisors, mother Mattie McGlothen.

She and her husband came to assist Elder Charles H. Webb and wife, in the opening of the Metropolitan Church of God in Christ. They had the permission of the Bishop E.E. Hamilton, and the understanding that they could come back home whenever they got ready, that their names would not be removed from the church roll. They worked very faithfully and very prayerfully with Elder Charles H. Webb, for sometime. They later went back to Emanuel church as they were told they could do, and there they worked until early 1974. In 1974 Elder Hodge opened his own church, known as the Shilo Temple Church of God in Christ in Oakland, California.

Sister Ruth Hodge was later appointed to the position of state YP.W.W. Chairlady working with Elder John W. Moore where she worked very faithfully for almost nine years. She served her last year working with Elder Wilber W. Hamilton. She then became the District Missionary for the True Faith District with the late Elder Joseph Dancey as Superintendent, later with Supt. Reed and last with Supt. J. E. Bobo in the Bethlehem District. There she worked until the end. As late as last thursday, July 15, which was Woman's day, she had her daughter, Patsy, to cook dinner and see that everything was in order as if she was there. She never let her part of the obligations be undone. Even though she was very ill, she wanted to carry on until the end. That she did.

OBITUARY (Continued)

Sister Hodge became employed by the Oakland Unified School District as a teacher in 1968, and she found it necessary to continue her education in this special field of which she was employed. She attended the Merritt Jr. College in Oakland and the graduated from the California State University at Hayward, with her B.A. degree in Childhood Education. It took a lot of courage and determination to accomplish this task along with all of her regular home tasks, church tasks and even being a grandmother. Listen, even thou she worked hard to accomplish her learning, she never stopped or lost her "burning for Jesus". She was a devout saint, and was the type of saint that beleived in praising the Lord with her whole heart, soul and mind. She would always be on fire for the Lord, she gave uplifting testimonies, and enjoyed praising the Lord in the beauty of holliness. She was concerned about the work of the Lord and was active in her community and civic affairs. She loved her state leaders and wanted to do her best to do her duty in all that was assigned to her hand.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a gracious grandmother. She also supported three children over in Haiti. She loved mission work, and the care of these three children was hers. Her health became impaired about 1978. She never stopped her church activities, or did she fail to keep the faith and praise the name of Jesus. She was not the kind to complain or murmur, she knew the faith she had in her savior would see her through the darkest hour and she stood on His promises that whatever His will was, she wanted to follow thereby, she made a statement last November, that she wanted to go to Memphis, Tenn. to the holy convocation. For this may be "my last time". She was blessed to go and enjoyed herself very much. Her health grew worse, and she could not overcome her afflictions, and she went to be with her maker on Saturday, July 26 in a local hospital in the city of Oakland. California.

She is survived by a loving husband, Elder Ernest Hodge; two daughters, Patsy and Robin; a devoted mother, Mrs. Clara Foster, in Louisiana, 102 years of age. Three grandchildren, one grandson; Irvan Johnson III; two granddaughters, Laquanda and Bibate Pickens, all of Oakland, California. Two sisters, of Louisiana, Mrs. Sarah F. Carter, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mrs. Eunice F. Rudison of Denham Springs, Louisiana. Seven cousins who were reared with her as sisters and brothers, by their parents, Mrs. Mildred R. Spriggins, and Mrs. Mary B. Carter, both of Louisiana, Mrs. Flora Williams, Mrs. Inez Richardson, Mrs. Gladys Brown, Mrs. Janie Dixon, Mr. Emmett Richardson, Mr. Minard T. and Huey P. Richardson, all of Oakland, California. A devoted nephew of Seattle, Washington, Mr. Herbert R. Carter, a host of nieces, nephews, and many cousins, saintly sisters and brothers.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to express to you, our many friends, our gratitude for your kindness evident in thought and in deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

The Family

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